



NAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 6th June 2016

Napton village hall 7.30pm

- 1. Present:** Napton Parish Councillors, John Veasey (chairing) Richard Woodcock, Gordon Clarke. Parish Clerk, Jayne Warman. Cllr Chris Williams & Cllr John Appleton
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Jackie Alsop and Linda Gooderham
- 3. Declaration of Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** Cllr Clarke declared an interest in item 8.
- 4. Comments and Questions from the Public:** None
- 5. Report from County Councillor John Appleton**

Cllr Appleton reported that a multi-agency meeting had taken place with the owners of County Waste and as a result a planning application will be submitted outlining proposed future developments. This will include a doubling of the building size to allow more waste to be treated inside thus hopefully reducing dust and litter.

The company is currently operating 7 days a week to deal with a backlog of waste which has occurred as result of a breakdown in one of the sorting machines. The owners will need to apply for a temporary extension to their operating hours to formalise this although in the long term they may wish to apply for a permanent license to operate 7 days a week.
- 6. Report from District Councillor Chris Williams**

Cllr Williams reported that SDC had held its first meeting under the new structure and had elected Cllr Chris Saint as leader of the Council. SDC is hoping to approve its Core Strategy in the next few weeks.

The Lighthorn Heath/Gaydon planning application has recently been granted. This will result in 2,000 homes in the initial stages with a future 1,000 to follow.

At a recent area planning meeting members voted to support an application for 4 dwellings at the edge of Napton on the A425. This is outline only at this stage and a detailed application will be required in the future.

An application has been received for 700 homes on the Polo Ground in Southam.

Applications

A. Ref 16/01587/COUQ

Proposed: Prior approval notification for the proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling house, associated curtilage and building

operations (Class Qa and Qb).

Location: Land and Building Off Church Road, Napton-on-the-Hill,

For: Mr Trevor Eadon

Given that the Parish Council had made no comment when the application was originally submitted and that the application was being dealt with under "UQ" legislation Cllrs felt there were no substantive points they could make. Therefore, a response of "no comment" was proposed by Cllr Woodcock, seconded by Cllr Veasey. All in favour

B. Ref SDC/13CC021 (in the light of new layout plans)

Proposed: Change of use of land from redundant highway to an emergency stopping place (transit provision) for up to 12 touring caravans and towing vehicles.

Location: Former Road Chippings Store Adjacent to Daventry Road (A425) Southam

For: Warwickshire County Council

The application was discussed in the light of revised plans which take account of the badger set on the site. The main impact of the amendments is that there is now only one entrance to site and that vehicles coming from the direction of Southam will be required to turn across the carriage way. It was agreed that the Council's previous comments about the application should be reiterated but with additional emphasis on the safety concerns regarding access and egress. The concerns about the safety of any children on the site is still a major concern. This approach was proposed Cllr Veasey, seconded Cllr Clarke. All in favour.

Decisions (reported)

A. Ref: 16/00897/FUL

Proposed: Temporary provision (for three years) of modular unit to provide two additional classrooms for one to one learning space

At: The Old School , Vicarage Road, Napton, Southam CV47 8NA

For: Mr Chris Kennedy

Approved

B. Appeal ref: APP.J3720/W/15/3139210

Proposed: Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house.

Location: Land at Shuckburgh Road, Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire

Appeal upheld, permission granted

7. Process for the election of a new Councillor

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter of resignation from Bernard Alsop. She has spoken to the Returning Officer at SDC who will advise on the next steps for recruitment of a replacement.

8. Granton Playing Fields Lease:

In her absence Cllr Alsop had provided an update on her discussions with the

school. They have provided a copy of a letter sent Nov 2011 which waived the rental fee for the proceeding 7 years. Instead - the school were asked to contribute to the cost of hedge cutting & trimming on the field to the value of £240. Therefore there is a need to decide if NPC are to issue an invoice for this reduced time frame of 2012 - 2015 (the Clerk reported that she had invoiced the school for the rental for 2016-17).

Cllr Clarke declared an interest in this item and given that the meeting would not have been quorate had he left the room it was decided to postpone discussion on this until the next meeting in July.

9. Internal and external audit

The Clerk reported that with the help of Chris Gait she had completed part 2 of the annual return for Grant Thornton. Cllr Veasey as Chair then completed part 1 and the return was duly signed.

The public inspection period for the accounts will begin on 8th June and end on 13th July. During that time members of the public can ask to see the accounts and these will be available for viewing by appointment with the Clerk. A notice to that effect and one explaining that the accounts are, as yet, unaudited will be placed on the Parish notice board and on the website.

10. Monthly action log – update on key issues: copies of the log were made available to all in attendance. Updates included the following:-

- Work on the defibrillators continues. it was hoped to bring forward a fully costed report to the meeting but this is taking longer than anticipated.
- Good progress has been made on the updating of the Emergency Plan but the compiling of a list of vulnerable people is proving problematic. Article to be placed in Parish Mag
- Clerk to ask for an update from SDC enforcement officer re the land at the corner of Godsons Lane/Dog Lane but thereafter the items should be removed from the list.
- Allotments – it was suggested that a notice should be placed in the shop window advertising the availability of allotments.
- Cllr Clarke is monitoring the situation re pot holes. He reported that WCC have confirmed that the tree in Vicarage Close is not their responsibility. A Parishioner suggested that it may be on land owned by the Shuckburgh estate.
- The bank opposite the new houses on the Priors Marston Road is being eroded as people constantly mount the kerb instead of using the passing bays. JV to contact WCC Highways dept.

11. Correspondance

- Request to include land at top of Jackson Lane in PC mowing contract – the Clerk reported that Orbit had been contacted and that they say they are not responsible for mowing the area. Clerk to contact Orbit to ask if they are prepared to donate/transfer the land to NPC. It could then be considered for inclusion in the Council's mowing contract.
- Letter from CAB tech re off road bikes on industrial estate. - Cllr Clarke has forwarded a copy to the land owner asking him to contact CAB tech. It

was reiterated that this is a private dispute and that the Parish Council have no jurisdiction in this matter.

- Road markings Stockton to Napton road – a letter has been received pointing out that the “slow” signs on the road are now barely legible. It was also noted that the 50mph signs have been vandalised. GC to contact WCC Highways.

12. Finance: Cllr Veasey pointed out that 2 invoices had been received after appendix 2 payments and receipts had been sent out and that an amended version was provided at the meeting which included a top up payment of £119.44 on the Council’s insurance and an invoice from Michael Mann for mowing of £838. There was also a correction to the wording to reflect that fact that the £55.63 for refreshments were for the Annual Parish meeting and **not** the AGM. All payments were approved.

13. Councillors Items: Cllr Clarke raised the issue of the pile of rubble which had been left on Pillory Green by the builders working on Jasmine Cottage. Cllr Clarke has spoken to the owners but has not seen any action as a result. It was agreed that a letter should be sent immediately asking that the material be removed and the grass reinstated.

14. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

4th July

5th September

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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